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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Proposed drawing changes are shown on the attached annotated marked up drawing and are incorporated within an attached proposed replacement sheets of drawings.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

As requested, the specification and Abstract have been amended above so as to conform with standard US practice.

Proposed correction for Figure 1 is also attached. Instead of a “?” in the legend, a simple underscore has been employed so as to hopefully make it more clear that the various boxes labeled with one or more letters (other than “M”) preceding the letter “R”, are various types of IP routers.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, antecedent basis has now been supplied by the above amendment to claim 1 for “said second access node”.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 11, 12 and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as allegedly anticipated by Ramjee ‘462 is respectfully traversed.

Amended claim 1 now specifies that the communication link is handed over subsequent to designation of the interface. By designating an interface (to forward packets arriving along the first routing path to a second access node) before handing over the communication link, the likelihood of packet loss is reduced in the case where routing to the new access node is not established by the time the wireless link to the old access node is lost, without requiring a significant amount of caching at the old access node.

Ramjee does not hint at the idea of designating an interface (i.e., tunnel) along which to forward packets from a first access node to a second access node, in particular where the designation of the interface is made after the handover from the first access node to second access node.

In view of the fundamental distinctions already noted with respect to parent claim 1, it is not believed necessary to discuss the additional deficiencies of this reference with respect to the rejected dependent claims at this time.

The rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on Ramjee in view of Rauhala '547 is also respectfully traversed.

In view of the fundamental deficiencies of Ramjee already noted above in view of the fact that the secondary reference does not supply those deficiencies, it is not believed necessary at this time to discuss the further deficiencies of this combination of references with respect to these dependent claims.

Similarly, the rejection of claims 8-10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made "obvious" based on Ramjee in view of Bruno '765 is also respectfully traversed.

Once again, the secondary reference does not supply the fundamental deficiencies of Ramjee with respect to parent claim 1. Accordingly, it is not believed necessary at this time to discuss the additional deficiencies of this combination of references with respect to these dependent claims.

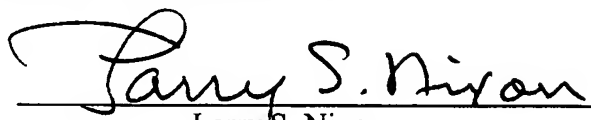
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Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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